

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 1938 - SB 2106**

March 4, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes local school boards to set up evening alternative schools for students in grades six through twelve. Reduces from 16 years to 11 years the minimum age of students for which boards of education are authorized to establish night schools.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**


**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Net Impact – Exceeds \$1,000,000/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- Establishment of schools would be at the discretion of the LEAs.
- To the extent LEAs choose to operate evening alternative schools, local government expenditures will increase. The increase would depend on how many LEAs and which LEAs choose to operate such schools. Expenditures would also depend on the system's decision to supplant or supplement existing day alternative programs. If the LEA supplants day programs, evening schools could provide for a more efficient use of resources – evening schools could utilize classroom space, textbooks, technology, and lab equipment in existing schools. To the extent LEAs supplant or supplement day programs, local government expenditures could decrease. However, the amount of such decrease cannot be determined.
- Most expenses would be generated from the cost of providing personnel. It is not known how many systems would add teachers for this program. If at least one teacher is required in each of the LEAs, using an average teacher salary and benefits of \$54,655, the increase in local government expenditures could exceed \$7,000,000 statewide.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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